

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **HB 669 - SB 1023**

February 24, 2003

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Creates requirements for home medical equipment providers who provide and repair devices such as wheel chairs. The bill requires that:

- Home medical equipment providers of wheelchairs become members of the National Registry of Rehabilitation Technology Suppliers by January 1, 2004
- Providers of wheelchairs be certified as an assistive technology supplier or assistive technology practitioner by January 1, 2007
- Home medical equipment providers of wheelchairs have a physical location in the state
- Final fitting of wheelchairs be completed with the home medical equipment provider and a therapist present
- Equipment providers obtain a complete evaluation and recommendation by a licensed physical therapist or occupational therapist
- Physical or occupational therapists who evaluate or recommend wheelchairs meet the requirements for certification by the Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America by January 1, 2007
- Physical or occupational therapists who execute the evaluation of wheelchairs cannot be employees of the home medical equipment provider.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**MINIMAL**

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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